5. As-Salam
(The Source of Peace)

"Seek peace within yourself, and thousands around you will find their peace."

- Jalaluddin Rumi (1207-1273 CE)
Source: "Fihi Ma Fihi"
(Discourses of Rumi)

Allah will protect one from all calamities if this Beautiful Name of Allah is read excessIvely. If recited 115 times and blown on a sick person, Allah Ta'ala will restore his health, Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AS-SALAAM ﷻ (THE EPITOME OF PEACE ﷻ)

Salaam is derived from the word 'salaamat' which means pure or safe. Thus, two meanings have been narrated,

1.) Ibn-Katheer ﷺ has stated,

السلام اي من جميع الذنوب والنقائص لكماله في ذاته و صفاته و افعاله

As-Salaam is that Being who is pure from all faults and deficiencies due to His being perfect in His Being, His qualities, and His actions.

Here the doubt may arise that in this instance, there is no difference between this name and Al- Quddoos ﷻ. The answer is that Al-Quddoos refers to being pure from faults in the past and present, whilst As-Salaam refers to purity from faults in the future. Others have stated that Al-Quddoos means that Allaah ﷻ is pure in His qualities, whilst As-Salaam refers to His purity in His actions.

هو الذي ترجى منه السلامة

2.) "He is that Being from whom protection and safety is desired."

Sufyaan ibn Uyainah ﷺ said, "At three junctures man is most terrified: 1) the day he is born, since he finds himself emerging from the secure place where he was (i.e. the womb wherein he resided for nine months) 2) the day he passes away, since he sees such beings (angels) whom he had never seen before 3) the day he is resurrected, since he will find himself on the huge massive plains of Resurrection.

Allaah ﷻ honoured Yahyaa ﷺ in these three places and bestowed protection to him. Allaah ﷻ states in Surah Maryam,

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَيْهِ يَوْمَ وُلِدَ وَيَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ يُبْعَثُ حَيًّا

And salaam (peace, protection) be unto him the day he was born, the day he will pass away and the day he will be resurrected.

In this verse, Allaah ﷻ has indicated that He will grant Yahyaa عليه السلام safety from the difficulties of these three places and will remove his fear of them. Allaah ﷻ deals in a similar manner with His believing slaves, since the angels convey salaams, reassure and pacify the pious believers at the time of extracting their souls.

Allaah ﷻ says:

الَّذِينَ تَتَوَفَّاهُمُ الْمَلآئِكَةُ طَيِّبِينَ يَقُولُونَ سَلامٌ عَلَيْكُمُ ادْخُلُواْ الْجَنَّةَ بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

Those whom the angels take away their souls in a pure state saying to them, 'Salaams (Peace be) upon you, enter paradise in exchange for those actions which you used to do.' (Nahl)

From this verse, we learn of the love As-Salaam ﷻ possesses for the pious: In this world, He ﷻ makes them happy and creates means to grant them support in frightening conditions.

Peace and safety are only granted by As-Salaam ﷻ, otherwise the means which we use to protect ourselves are of no avail. If He ﷻ removes His protection, then all our organization and arrangements come to nought. When a person leaves his home, there are innumerable enemies in the skies and on the earth, whom we pass by with safety and comfort. The causes for our death are at all places e.g. alleys, general roads, however we remain safe and unscathed. Never mind this, even while eating, there are so many causes that can lead to choking. However, we continue eating with relish. How many people there are who, whilst eating choked on their food which caused their death? Similarly, there have been many who whilst drinking water, the water became a cause of their death. This is because the protection afforded by As-Salaam had been lifted.

The falling of one brick in our homes is sufficient to destroy us. All people are watched upon by the angels of death who await the command of As-Salaam ﷻ. Never mind wild animals, many human beings thirst after our blood. It is only due to the protection accorded to us by As-Salaam

ﷻ that we remain safe. Thus we must have firm conviction that we are being protected due to the kindness and security of this Being, whilst all the outward means and forms of our destruction and death are right in front of us. In this era, electricity has been the means of the death of many people. Gas, which we are always using for our convenience, is also extremely dangerous but we remain safe. This is only due to the protection of As-Salaam ﷻ.

If help was not forthcoming from Allaah ﷻ, then no house would ever be occupied till Qiyaamah. If this protection was not afforded to us, houses would be destroyed in minutes or seconds. Fire is our servant. If it runs out of control, everything will be burnt and reduced to ashes.

In this temporary life, Allaah ﷻ has protected us and kept us safe by granting us different types of protection from difficulties and problems. After this temporary life, in the everlasting life of the hereafter, Allaah ﷻ has also prepared for His pious slaves a place of protection. Allaah ﷻ says

وَاللّٰهُ يَدْعُو إِلَى دَارِ السَّلاَمِ

And Allaah ﷻ invites to Daarus-salaam.

This means that He ﷻ invites to such a place in which there is only safety and protection. There will neither be difficulties, worries, sadness or the fear of sickness, nor the worry of life coming to any end, or of one's condition changing for the worse.

By Daarus-Salaam is meant Jannah (Paradise). One reason for referring to it as Daarus-Salaam is due to what has just been mentioned i.e. every person will have complete peace, serenity and protection there. Another reason for naming it Daarus Salaam, which has been mentioned in some narrations, is that the angels will continue to convey salaams on behalf of Allaah ﷻ to the inhabitants of Jannah. The word 'salaam' will also be a phrase used by the inhabitants of Jannah, by which they will make apparent their desires, which will then be fulfilled by the angels.